

Provisional Vital Statistics for June 2003

Live births increased in June as 6,058 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,776 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 6- and 12-month periods ending with June also show increases. For the first half of the year, births increased by 2 percent from 36,050 to 36,769.

Deaths decreased for all three time periods shown below. In June 4,259 Missourians died compared with 4,386 in June 2002. For the first half of the year death decreased by 5.4 percent from 30,247 to 28,616.

The **Natural increase** in June was 1,799 (6,058 births minus 4,259 deaths). The natural increase rose for all three time periods shown below.

Marriages decreased in June, but increased for the cumulative 6- and 12- month periods ending with June.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with June, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.79 to 1.87.

Infant deaths decreased in June and for January-June, but increased slightly for the 12 months ending with June. For the first six months of the year, the infant death rate decreased from 9.7 to 9.2 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	<u>June</u>				<u>Jan.-Jun. cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with June</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Live Births	5,776	6,058	12.0	12.1	36,050	36,769	12.8	13.0	73,662	77,390	13.6	13.0	13.6
Deaths	4,386	4,259	9.1	8.5	30,247	28,616	10.8	10.1	55,893	55,242	9.7	9.9	9.9
Natural increase	1,390	1,799	2.9	3.6	5,803	8,153	2.1	2.9	17,769	22,148	3.9	3.1	3.9
Marriages	5,482	4,974	11.4	9.9	19,685	19,826	7.0	7.0	41,392	42,435	7.7	7.3	7.5
Dissolutions	2,109	1,926	4.4	3.8	11,583	11,332	4.1	4.0	23,091	22,662	4.3	4.1	4.0
Infant deaths	50	46	8.7	7.6	351	337	9.7	9.2	620	647	7.7	8.4	8.4
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,637	5,673	...	...	5,637	5,673	...	...	5,616	5,655	5,691

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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